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1. PROF. NORMAN PEARSON, DURING KOREA VISIT, TOOK GREAT INTEREST IN POST PROPOSAL FOR GRANT TO ESTABLISH AMERICAN STUDIES INSTITUTE AT SEOUL NATIONAL UNIVERSITY.

2. HE WAS INFORMED THAT POST HAD MADE PROPOSAL TO AGENCY AS BICENTENNIAL PARTNERSHIP PROJECT AND THAT MATTER WAS PENDING, BUT HE SPECIFICALLY ASKED FOR MORE INFO, WHICH POST PROMISED TO CABLE PRIOR TO HIS SCHEDULED DEBRIEFING IN WASHINGTON.

3. BASIC PROPOSAL IS SPELLED OUT IN REF. "B". ADDITIONALLY, FOR PEARSON AND FOR AGENCY AND CU, FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFO. ON MATCHING GRANT IS FORWARDED:

A) WHILE WE ARE STILL AWAITING RESPONSE TO REF. "A", CONCERNED SNU FACULTY CONFIDENT MATCHING GRANT AGREEMENT CAN BE REALIZED.

B) MOST, IF NOT ALL, MATCHING GRANT OF \$54,500 WOULD PROBABLY BE IN SERVICE AND FACILITIES RATHER THAN FUNDS. TOTAL PROJECT THUS AMOUNTING TO \$109,000.

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C) ROUTH AND VERY TENTATIVE BREAKDOWN OF SNU THINKING ON THEIR CONTRIBUTION IS AS FOLLOWS:

\$44,406 - ONE FOURTH OF ANNUAL SALARIES OF 28 PROFESSORS WHO WOULD WORK IN INSTITUTE. (BASED ON THEIR EACH DEVOTING APPROX. 25 PERCENT OF THEIR ACADEMIC TIME TO INSTITUTE WORK.)

\$6,227 - ANNUAL OPERATING FUNDS FOR SALARIES OF CLERICAL STAFF TO WORK FULL TIME IN INSTITUTE.

\$1,293 - FAIR RENTAL VALUE OF APPROX. 1,584 SQUARE FEET OF OFFICE AND LIBRARY SPACE.

\$3,337 - VALUE OF OFFICE FURNITURE AND OTHER EQUIPMENT FOR INSTITUTE.

4. POINT HAS BEEN EMPHASIZED TO SNU THAT THIS WOULD BE ONE-TIME GRANT AND THAT THEY WOULD BE EXPECTED TO FIND ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF FUNDS TO KEEP INSTITUTE GOING. THEY WOULD PLAN A FUND RAISING COMMITTEE FOR THIS PURPOSE.
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